THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that on the basis of the information received from the 95 scheduled commercial banks, diversion of funds were noticed in about 1000 cases during the last 10 years. However, the data reporting system of RBI does not generate the information relating to funds diverted by companies.

(c) and (d) In most of such cases, the banks have either recalled the advances or have initiated legal action by filing suits for recovery of amounts. In certain cases FIRs have also been lodged with the police and some cases are under reference to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR)/Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (AAIFR).

NPAs of Banks

2435. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total aggregate losses to various banks due to Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) during the year ending 31st December, 2001, bank-wise;

(b) the total amount of NPAs on account of default by beneficiaries under various Centrally sponsored schemes and their percentage to total aggregate NPAs of banks;

(c) the total amount of NPAs on account of default in payment by various industries and their percentage to total aggregate NPAs; and

(d) what punitive action Government have taken/propose to take against wilful defaulters who have capacity to repay the loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As on 31st March, 2001, out of 27 public sector banks, only two banks viz. Indian Bank and Dena Bank, had reported net losses of Rs. 274.00

crores and Rs. 266.12 crores respectively. The losses have occurred due to NPAs as well as other factors.

(b) and (c) According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI), its data reporting system does not generate the information regarding NPAs on account of default by beneficiaries under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and industry-wise.

(d) Banks were advised in May, 2001 to examine all cases of wilful default of Rs. one crore and above and file suits in such cases if not already done, in the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs). DRTs have been given powers to attach property/assets before judgement and penal provisions for disobedience of Tribunal's order or for breach of any terms of the order have been provided. Banks have also been advised to file criminal cases where there are instances of cheating/ forgery/fraud by the wilful defaulters.

Expenditure Reforms Commission

2436. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Reforms Commission set up by Government has submitted its final report;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government on the recommendations made by the Committee;

(d) whether any target has been set up by the Commission to contain fiscal deficit progressively; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The Expenditure Reforms Commission has submitted in all 10 reports covering 36 Ministries/Departments and four specific issues namely, Food subsidy, Fertilizer Subsidy, autonomous institutions and optimizing staff strength. The recommendations of ERC have been sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments for implementation and so far